

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 1, 2008. Claims 1, 4 and 10 to 13 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 10 being independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4 and 10 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,925,509 (Ihara '509) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,139,090 (Ihara '090). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a television broadcast receiving apparatus comprising a receiving unit, a determination unit, a selection unit, and a print control unit. The receiving unit receives television broadcasting waves that are transmitted in a way that multiplexes program information together with plural pieces of program data. The determination unit determines a number of accessible channels which a user can enjoy viewing thereof, on the basis of the received program data. The selection unit selects one of a first print mode and a second print mode. The first print mode prints the program information of all the accessible channels within a fixedly designated number of pages. The second print mode prints the program information of all the accessible channels without fixedly designating the number of pages. The print control unit converts the program information received by the receiving unit into data for printing, and outputs program information to a printer. The print control unit determines a page layout of the printed program information according to the number of accessible channels determined by said determination unit and according to the print mode selected by said selection unit.

The USPTO contends that Ihara '509 discloses a determination unit for determining a number of channels viewable. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of Ihara '509 merely disclose a set top box that filters an electronic

program guide by channel and time zone. There is no indication that the set top box also determines a number of accessible channels which a user can enjoy viewing thereof. Moreover, filtering is not performed on the basis of received program data, but rather on the basis of channel and time zone. Therefore, Ihara ‘509 simply does not disclose a determination unit for determining a number of accessible channels which a user can enjoy viewing thereof, on the basis of received program data.

The USPTO acknowledges that Ihara ‘509 does not disclose a selection unit for selecting one of (i) a first print mode for printing the program information of each program on a predetermined number of pages, and (ii) a second print mode for printing program information of each program without designating the number of pages. However, the USPTO asserts that Ihara ‘090 does disclose such a selection unit (Ihara ‘090, Column 12, Lines 39 to 50). While some might interpret Ihara ‘090 as disclosing a data conversion unit, the data conversion unit is not seen to select one of a plurality of print modes. Rather, the data conversion unit simply performs data conversion for transmission of print data over an IEEE 1394 interface (Ihara ‘090, Column 6, Lines 46 to 48). Moreover, although the data conversion unit may convert a parameter named “number_of_copies” (Ihara ‘090, Column 12, Line 61), “number_of_copies” does not indicate a number of pages in a single copy of a print job, fixedly designated or not. Therefore, Ihara ‘090 simply does not disclose a selection unit for selecting one of (i) a first print mode for printing the program information of accessible channels, wherein in the first print mode all of the accessible channels are printed within a fixedly designated number of pages, and (ii) a second print mode for printing the program information of the accessible channels, wherein in the second print mode all of the accessible channels are printed without fixedly designating the number of pages.

Furthermore, the USPTO asserts that Ihara '509 discloses a print control unit for converting the program information received by a receiving unit into data for printing, and outputting program information to a printer, and that Ihara '090 discloses a print control unit which determines a layout of program information a page by a page according to the number of channels viewable, and according to the selected print mode. However, because the references disclose neither a determination unit nor a selection unit, it is not possible for the references to disclose a print control unit that determines a page layout of a printed program according to a number of accessible channels determined by a determination unit and according to a print mode selected by a selection unit.

Therefore, even if Ihara '509 and Ihara '090 are combined, which Applicant does not concede is permissible, the combination would still not include all of the features of the apparatus of Claim 1. In light of these deficiencies of Ihara '509 and Ihara '090 Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claim 10 is directed to a method substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 10 is also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

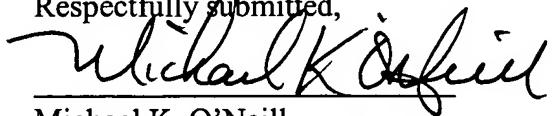
The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the

Examiner's earliest convenience.

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